

SECOND DAY

(Friday, May 28, 1937)

The House met at 10:00 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Calvert.

The roll of the House was called, and the following Members were present:

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| Mr. Speaker | Hull |
| Adkins | Hyder |
| Alexander | James |
| Alsup | Johnson of Ellis |
| Amos | Johnson |
| Bates | of Tarrant |
| Beckworth | Jones of Angelina |
| Bell | Jones of Atascosa |
| Blankenship | Jones of Falls |
| Boethel | Jones of Wise |
| Bond | Keith |
| Boyer | Kelt |
| Bradbury | Kenyon |
| Bradford | King |
| Bridgers | Knetsch |
| Broadfoot | Langdon |
| Brown | Lankford |
| Burton | Lanning |
| Cagle | Leath |
| Callan | Leonard |
| Cathey | Leyendecker |
| Cauthorn | Little |
| Celaya | London |
| Cleveland | Lucas |
| Colquitt | Mann |
| Davis of Jasper | Mauritz |
| Deglandon | Mays |
| Dickison | McConnell |
| Derden | McDonald |
| Dollins | McFarland |
| England | McKee |
| Farmer | McKinney |
| Felty | Metcalfe |
| Fielden | Moffett |
| Fox | Monkhouse |
| Fuchs | Morris |
| Gibson | Morse |
| Graves | Newton |
| Hamilton | Nicholson |
| Hankamer | Oliver |
| Hanna | Palmer |
| Harbin | Patterson of Mills |
| Harper | Patterson |
| Harrell | of Travis |
| Harris of Archer | Pope |
| Harris of Dallas | Powell |
| Harris of Dickens | Prescott |
| Hartzog | Quinn |
| Heflin | Ragsdale |
| Herzik | Reed of Bowie |
| Holland | Reed of Dallas |
| Hoskins | Rhodes |
| Howard | Riddle |
| Huddleston | Ross |

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| Russell | Talbert |
| Rutta | Tarwater |
| Schuenemann | Tennant |
| Sharpe | Tennyson |
| Shell | Thornberry |
| Simpson | Thornton |
| Skaggs | Vale |
| Smith of Hopkins | Walker |
| Smith | Weldon |
| of Matagorda | Westbrook |
| Smith of Tarrant | Winfree |
| Stinson | Wood |
| Stocks | Worley |

Absent

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| Keefe | Petsch |
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Absent—Excused

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| Baker | Kern |
| Carsow | Loggins |
| Davis of Haskell | McCracken |
| Davison of Fisher | Reader |
| Davison | Roark |
| of Eastland | Settle |
| Dean | Sewell |
| Hardin | Stevenson |
| Jackson | Waggoner |

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was offered by Rev. George W. Coltrin, Chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following Members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Davison of Fisher for today, on motion of Mr. Howard.

Mr. Stevenson for yesterday and today, on motion of Mr. Knetsch.

Mr. Carsow for today, on motion of Mr. McConnell.

Mr. Kern for yesterday and today, on motion of Mr. Alsup.

Mr. Waggoner for today, on motion of Mr. Powell.

Mr. Baker for today, on motion of Mr. Worley.

Mr. Settle for today, on motion of Mr. Harris of Dickens.

Mr. Roark for today on motion of Mr. England.

Mr. Davison of Eastland for today, on motion of Mr. Prescott.

Mr. Sewell for today, on motion of Mr. Johnson of Ellis.

Mr. Loggins for today, on motion of Mr. Bradbury.

ADDITIONAL SIGNERS OF BILLS

By unanimous consent of the House, the following Members were authorized to sign bills, as co-authors of same, as follows:

Messrs. Harbin, Rhodes, Reed of Bowie, Moffett, Thornberry, Palmer, Davis of Jasper, Westbrook and Deglandon, House Bill No. 6.

Mr. Ragsdale, House Bill No. 7.

MEMORALIZING CONGRESS IN REGARD TO PASSAGE OF CERTAIN LEGISLATION

Mr. Fuchs offered the following resolution:

Whereas, There has been introduced in the Congress of the United States House Bill No. 6763, which would extend the three and one-half per cent interest rate to farmers on certain Federal Land Bank farm loans; and

Whereas, This bill has been favorably reported to the House of Representatives; and

Whereas, Unless this or some similar bill is passed before July 1, 1937, the interest rates on such loans will automatically revert to the original higher rate of four and one-half to five per cent; and

Whereas, It would be utterly unwise to increase the interest rate on such loans because one of the greatest services which the Federal Government can render, is to make it easy for farmers to become the owners of the land they till and because the establishment of farm homes ought to be one of the cardinal purposes of the Federal Government and because those farmers who have purchased homes and have loans on them in the Federal Land Banks are making every effort to complete their payments and become the absolute owners of the land upon which they live; and because this Government can afford to continue the three and one-half per cent interest rates on such loans; and by so doing it will enable farmers to meet interest payments on their loans and to pay a portion of the principal indebtedness; and because to increase the interest rate at this time would seriously hinder the progress that farmers have thus far made under and by virtue of the low interest rates now existing; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of Texas, That the Congress of the United States be and is

hereby urgently requested to pass House Bill No. 6763 as speedily as possible in order that the farmers of the nation, who are the sinew and backbone of this country, may continue to receive the aid and help afforded them through the low interest rates on loans obtained from the Federal Land Banks, to which they are so justly entitled; be it

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives send a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of Agriculture, to Senators Sheppard and Connally and to each of the members of Congress from the State of Texas.

FUCHS,
SHELL,
POPE,
SCHUENEMANN,
KNETSCH,
HARPER,
HOSKINS,
HERZIK,
CLEVELAND,
BRADFORD,
POWELL,
LEYENDECKER,
TARWATER,
JONES of Atascosa,
ALEXANDER,
RHODES,
MAURITZ,
RAGSDALE,
LEATH,
HANKAMER,
SMITH of Matagorda,
ALSUP,
BRADBURY.

The resolution was read second time, and was adopted.

PROVIDING FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Alsup offered the following resolution:

Whereas, It is the duty of the State of Texas to furnish the House of Representatives and its Members with the proper facilities, employees, and supplies to permit them to conduct and transact their official business in a business-like and efficient manner; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas, That the Speaker of the House shall appoint the following employees for the First Called Session of the Forty-fifth Legislature to serve for such com-

pensation as is herein provided, unless otherwise specified:

1. Parliamentarian to the House, at \$10.00 per day.
2. Two secretaries to the Speaker, at \$6.00 per day, each.
3. One porter for the Speaker, at \$3.00 per day. (a) One bill clerk at \$4.00 per day.
4. a. One assistant to the Chief Clerk, at \$5.00 per day; b. One secretary to the Chief Clerk, at \$5.00 per day.
5. One bookkeeper for the Chief Clerk, at \$6.00 per day.
6. One stenographer to the Chief Clerk at \$4.00 per day.
7. One clerk to the Chief Clerk, at \$3.50 per day.
8. Two assistants to the Journal Clerk, at \$4.00 per day, each.
9. Two assistants to the Calendar Clerk, at \$4.00 per day, each.
10. One clerk to the Committee on Appropriations, at \$6.00 per day.
11. One assistant clerk to the Committee on Appropriations, at \$5.00 per day. a. One reference librarian, and data clerk, at \$5.00 per day.
12. Two stenographers for the Committee on Appropriations, at \$5.00 per day; each.
13. One filing clerk to the Committee on Appropriations at \$4.00 per day.
14. One superintendent of stenographers, at \$6.50 per day.
15. Fifty expert stenographers and typists, at \$5.00 per day.
16. One superintendent of committee clerks, at \$5.00 per day.
17. Six secretaries for committee chairmen, at \$5.00 per day.
18. One clerk for the Committee on Contingent Expenses, at \$5.00 per day.
19. One bookkeeper to the Committee on Contingent Expenses, at \$5.00 per day.
20. One mailing clerk for the Journal, at \$5.00 per day.
21. One assistant mailing clerk for the Journal, at \$4.00 per day.
22. One supply clerk and storekeeper, at \$4.00 per day.
23. One page to the Committee on Contingent Expenses, at \$2.50 per day.
24. One porter to the Committee on Contingent Expenses at \$2.00 per day.
25. One page to the Doorkeeper, at \$2.50 per day, a. One page to the Assistant Doorkeeper, at \$2.50 per day.
26. One page for the Enrolling and Engrossing rooms, at \$2.50 per day, each.
27. One page for the stenographic force, at \$2.50 per day.
28. One messenger to carry papers to the Confederate home, at \$2.00 per day.
29. Twenty-five pages, at \$2.50 per day, each.
30. One multigraph and/or mimeograph clerk, at \$4.00 per day.
31. One secretary to Mr. Alsup, at \$4.00 per day.
32. Four assistant Sergeants-at-Arms, at \$4.00 per day, each.
33. One secretary to the Sergeant-at-Arms, at \$4.00 per day.
34. One night watchman, at \$2.50 per day.
35. One assistant night watchman, at \$2.50 per day.
36. Ten porters, at \$2.00 per day, each.
37. One Men's Wash Room porter, at \$2.00 per day.
38. One extra duty porter, at \$2.00 per day a. One maid for Ladies' Lounge Room, at \$2.00 per day.
39. One superintendent of porters, at \$3.50 per day.
40. Two elevator boys, at \$2.00 per day, each.
41. One night houseman, at \$2.50 per day.
42. One chief operator for voting machine, at \$7.50 per day.
43. One assistant operator for voting machine, at \$5.00 per day.
44. One House Postmaster, at \$4.00 per day; and
be it further

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Speaker, and he is hereby empowered, to dispense with the services of any employee who, in his judgment, is not further needed; or for the misconduct of any employee, and he shall have the power to appoint extra help whenever in his judgment it is needed. The duties of the employees heretofore mentioned shall be such as are required by the Speaker of the House

of Representatives, and he is hereby empowered to apportion the hours and pay of part-time employees.

Any of the employees may be excused by the Speaker for causes deemed by him sufficient; provided further, that any employee who shall absent himself without leave shall not receive any compensation for the time missed during his absence. The salaries of the employees shall begin when they are instructed to begin work by the Speaker; be it further

Resolved, That each Member of the House of Representatives of the Forty-fifth Legislature be and is herewith allowed a credit in the sum of \$30.00 each with the Committee on Contingent Expenses for expenditure for stationery, supplies, postage, telephone tolls and/or telegraph tolls. The Speaker shall be allowed an additional \$15, the Chief Clerk shall be allowed \$25.00, the Committee on Contingent Expenses, the Committee on Claims and Accounts, and the Sergeant-at-Arms shall each be allowed \$15.00, and the Committee on Appropriations shall be allowed \$25.00.

The Committee on Contingent Expenses shall procure and keep for the use of the House, its members, officers and committees, such stationery, stamps, and other supplies as may be needed and ordered by the House, the Speaker, and/or the Chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses. The Clerk of the committee shall keep an itemized account of the quantity of every kind of material received, the date it was received, the price paid therefor, and the persons from whom it was received. The unused remainder, if any, shall be delivered, at the close of the session, to the Board of Control for safe-keeping. The office of this committee shall be kept open daily, except Sundays, from 8:30 a. m., until one hour after the adjournment of the House, and on Sundays from 9 a. m., to 11 a. m. The Committee shall keep a set of books, containing an account for each Member, officer, and/or committee authorized by the House, to expend stationery, supplies, stamps, telephone and/or telegraph tolls, and shall charge to each such account its daily withdrawals. The clerk of the committee shall furnish a statement to each of the accounts, monthly, or when requested.

The Committee on Contingent Ex-

penses shall have jurisdiction over the mailing of the Journal.

Each Member shall be furnished with three weekly and/or daily newspapers, of his own selection.

All requisitions for paper and supplies necessary for the preparation of bills and/or resolutions, for the use of the Enrolling and Engrossing rooms and/or the standing committees of the House shall be under the direction and care of the Committee on Contingent Expenses. This committee is also authorized to rent a sufficient number of typewriters and other business machines for the use of the House and its employees, and to furnish same with proper materials; be it further

Resolved, That eleven hundred copies of the House Journal be printed daily; one hundred to be delivered to the Senate, one copy to be placed on each Member's desk daily, seventy-five copies to be delivered to the State Library, and the remainder to be left with the Committee on Contingent Expenses for distribution under the direction of the Speaker; and, be it further

Resolved, That no allowances included in this resolution shall be expended except for actual salaries and/or actual expenses of the House, its Members, officers, committees, and/or employees hereinabove set out. All such funds necessary to be expended in payment of the above shall be paid out of the Contingent Expense Fund of the House.

ALSUP,
GRAVES.

The resolution was read second time, and was adopted.

INVITING THE NATIONAL TAX ASSOCIATION TO HOLD MEETING IN TEXAS

Mr. McFarland offered the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 1, Inviting the National Tax Association to hold its meeting in Texas.

Whereas, The National Tax Association is an outstanding organization of international scope, seeking to bring about better adjustments of State, local, and National tax problems; and

Whereas, It is customary for this organization to hold its annual meetings in sections of the United States which are vitally interested in bring-

ing about better tax systems and the administration thereof; and

Whereas, The organization is to meet in Baltimore, Maryland, in the fall of 1937, and as customary will select a suitable place for its 1938 meeting, which place they will deem to be the most advantageous and beneficial to the greatest number of people of the various States; and

Whereas, The State of Texas has never had the honor of entertaining this worthy organization, and it meeting in Texas in 1938 would be of tremendous benefit to Texas and the Southwestern States, in that the people of Texas and the Southwestern States generally would have an opportunity to hear firsthand discussion of the tax problems of the States in their various phases by the most eminent tax experts of the Nation, and thus be better informed as to the proper methods for solving the various tax problems confronting the people; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, the Senate concurring, That the National Tax Association be, and it is hereby cordially invited to hold its annual meeting in 1938 at some central point in Texas to be selected by the Executive Board of the Association; and, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Oscar Leser, President of the National Tax Association and Chairman of the State Tax Commission of Maryland at Annapolis, Maryland, and a copy be forwarded to the Honorable W. D. Query, Secretary of the National Tax Association and Chairman of the South Carolina Tax Commission at Columbia, South Carolina.

McFARLAND,

DAVIS of Jasper.

The resolution was read second time, and was adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Harris of Dallas, the House, at 10:25 o'clock a. m., adjourned until 10:00 o'clock a. m., Monday, May 31.

THIRD DAY

(Monday, May 31, 1937)

The House met at 10:00 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Calvert.

The roll of the House was called, and the following Members were present:

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| Mr. Speaker | Johnson of Ellis |
| Adkins | Johnson |
| Alexander | of Tarrant |
| Alsup | Jones of Angelina |
| Amos | Jones of Atascosa |
| Baker | Jones of Falls |
| Bates | Jones of Wise |
| Beckworth | Keefe |
| Bell | Keith |
| Blankenship | Kelt |
| Boethel | Kenyon |
| Bond | Kern |
| Boyer | King |
| Bradbury | Knetsch |
| Bridgers | Langdon |
| Broadfoot | Lankford |
| Brown | Lanning |
| Burton | Leonard |
| Callan | Leyendecker |
| Carssow | Little |
| Cathey | Loggins |
| Cauthorn | London |
| Celaya | Lucas |
| Cleveland | Mann |
| Colquitt | Mauritz |
| Davis of Haskell | Mays |
| Davis of Jasper | McConnell |
| Davison of Fisher | McCracken |
| Davisson | McDonald |
| of Eastland | McFarland |
| Dean | McKee |
| Deglandon | McKinney |
| Derden | Metcalfe |
| Dickison | Moffett |
| Dollins | Monkhouse |
| England | Morris |
| Farmer | Morse |
| Felty | Newton |
| Fielden | Nicholson |
| Fox | Oliver |
| Fuchs | Palmer |
| Gibson | Patterson |
| Graves | of Travis |
| Hamilton | Petsch |
| Hankamer | Pope |
| Hanna | Powell |
| Harbin | Prescott |
| Hardin | Quinn |
| Harrell | Ragsdale |
| Harris of Archer | Reader |
| Harris of Dallas | Reed of Bowie |
| Harris of Dickens | Reed of Dallas |
| Hartzog | Rhodes |
| Heflin | Riddle |
| Herzik | Roark |
| Holland | Ross |
| Hoskins | Russell |
| Howard | Rutta |
| Huddleston | Schuenemann |
| Hyder | Sharpe |
| James | Simpson |